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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

'07 CV 2226

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JAMES M. KINDER,

CASE NO.

Plaintiff,

DECLARATION OF RONALD R. GIUSSO
IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

vs.

HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC. and
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

I, RONALD R. GIUSSO, declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law before all courts in the State of California and the United States District Court, Southern District of California, and am an attorney with the law firm of Shea Stokes, ALC, attorneys of records herein for *Specially Appearing* Defendant HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and can competently testify thereto. I make this declaration as required by 28 U.S.C. section 1446 in support of the Notice of Removal of Civil Action.

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DECLARATION OF RONALD R. GIUSSO IN
SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:**(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

James M. Kinder

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CLERK OF COURT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

San Diego Superior Court
330 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101
Central Division

CASE NUMBER:

(Número del Caso) 37-2007-00076114-CU-MC-CTL

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Chad Austin, Esq.
3129 Incia St.
San Diego, CA 92103-6014
SBN 235457

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DATE:

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Clerk, by

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(Secretario)

Deputy

(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☒ on behalf of (specify): Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

- under: ☒ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☐ other (specify):

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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6 Attorney for Plaintiff JAMES M. KINDER, an individual

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

8 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

11 JAMES M. KINDER,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, Inc. and
15 DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. 37-2007-00076114-CU-MC-CTL

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES,
INCLUDING PUNITIVE DAMAGES,
INTEREST AND ATTORNEY'S FEES,
AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Violations of Telephone Consumer
Protection Act of 1991
Violations of California Civil Code § 1770
(a) (22) (A)
Trespass to Chattel
Unfair Business Practices

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19 COMES NOW Plaintiff JAMES M. KINDER (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") who alleges as
20 follows:

21 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

22 1. Plaintiff is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident of the County of San
23 Diego, State of California.

24 2. Defendant HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as
25 "Defendant") was at all times herein mentioned a Delaware corporation, doing business in the
26 County of San Diego, State of California.

27 3. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as
28 DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names.

1 Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.
2 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants
3 is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and that Plaintiff's damages as
4 herein alleged were proximately caused by their conduct.

5 4. At all times herein mentioned each defendant was the partner, agent and employee
6 of each co-defendant herein and was at all times acting within the scope of such partnership, agency
7 and employment and each defendant ratified the conduct of each co-defendant herein.
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9 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
10 [Violation of Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991]

11 5. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 4 above and incorporates them herein by
12 reference.

13 6. Plaintiff is bringing this action pursuant to the provisions of the Telephone
14 Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (47 U.S.C. §227 and 47 C.F.R. §64.1200 – "TCPA").

15 7. Subdivision (b) (1) (A) (iii) of Section 227 of Title 47 of the United States
16 Code makes it unlawful for any person to "Make any call (other than a call made for emergency
17 purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using any automatic
18 telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice...to any telephone number assigned
19 to a paging service, specialized mobile radio service, or other radio common carrier service, or
20 any service for which the called party is charged for the call."

21 8. Defendants have been calling Plaintiff's number assigned to a paging service, using
22 an artificial or prerecorded voice, without Plaintiff's express permission. These calls were not made
23 for any emergency purpose, nor were these calls exempt under subdivision (c) of section 64.1200
24 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

25 9. Subdivision (b)(3) of section 227 of title 47 of the United States Code permits a
26 private right of action in state court for violations of 47 U.S.C. §227 (b) (1) (A) (iii). Plaintiff
27 may obtain relief in the form of injunctive relief, or Plaintiff may recover \$500.00 for each
28 violation, or both. If the court finds that defendants' violations were willful or knowing, it may,

1 in its discretion, award up to three times that amount.

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3 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 [Violation(s) of California Civil Code § 1770 (a) (22) (A)]

5 10. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 9 above and incorporates them herein by
6 reference.

7 11. California Civil Code § 1770 (a) (22) (A) requires that all recorded messages
8 disseminated within the state be introduced by a live, natural voice giving the name of the entity
9 calling, the name of the entity being represented, an address or phone number for that entity, and
10 asking permission to play the recording. Defendant's illegal prerecorded telemarketing calls to
11 Plaintiff failed to comply with this requirement.

12 12. As a proximate result of defendants' violation of Civil Code section 1770,
13 plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages in an amount not yet ascertained, to be
14 proven at trial.

15 13. Civil Code section 1780 (a) (2) provides for an injunction against future conduct
16 in violation of Civil Code section 1770.

17 14. Civil Code section 1780 (a) (4) provides for an award of punitive damages for
18 violations of Civil Code section 1770.

19 15. Civil Code section 1780 (d) provides for an award of attorneys fees for plaintiffs
20 harmed by California Civil Code §1770 (a) (22) (A) violations.

21 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 [Trespass to Chattel]

23 16. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 15 above and incorporates them herein by
24 reference.

25 17. The conduct by defendants complained of herein, namely calling Plaintiff's
26 number assigned to a paging service, using an artificial or prerecorded voice, without Plaintiff's
27 express permission, constitutes an electronic trespass to chattel.

28 18. At no time did Plaintiff consent to this trespass.

1 19. As a proximate result of these intrusions, Plaintiff suffered damage in an amount
2 according to proof.

3 20. In making the illegal calls described above, defendants were guilty of
4 oppression and malice, in that defendants made said calls with the intent to vex, injure, or
5 annoy Plaintiff or with a willful and conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights. Plaintiff therefore
6 seeks an award of punitive damages.

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8 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
9 **[Engaging in Unfair Business Practices]**

10 21. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 20 above and incorporates them herein by
11 reference.

12 22. Because these telephone calls violate federal statutes, they are unlawful business
13 practices within the meaning of section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code.

14 23. Section 17203 of the Business and Professions Code entitles Plaintiff to an
15 injunction enjoining defendants from engaging in unfair or unlawful business practices.

16 WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants, and each of them, as
17 follows:

18 On the FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:

- 19 1. For an award of \$500.00 for each violation of 47 U.S.C. §227;
20 2. For an award of \$1,500.00 for each such violation found to have been willful;

21 On the SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:

- 22 3. For compensatory damages according to proof;
23 4. For preliminary and permanent injunctions, enjoining Defendants, and each of
24 them, from engaging in activity in violation of California Civil Code §1770 (a)
25 (22) (A);
26 5. For punitive damages;
27 6. For attorneys fees;

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1 On the THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:

2 7. For compensatory damages according to proof;

3 8. For punitive damages;

4 On the FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION:

5 9. For preliminary and permanent injunctions, enjoining Defendants, and each of
6 them, from engaging in unfair or unlawful business practices pursuant to section
7 17203 of the Business and Professions Code;

8 On ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:

9 10. For attorney's fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

10 11. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

11 12. For such further relief as the Court deems proper.

12 Dated: October 2, 2007

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14 By: 

15 CHAD AUSTIN, Esq.
16 Attorney for Plaintiff JAMES M.
17 KINDER
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Chad Austin, Esq. 3129 India St. San Diego, CA 92103-6014 SBN 235457 TELEPHONE NO: 619-297-8888 FAX NO: 619-295-1401 ATTORNEY FUR (Name): James M. Kinder		FOR COURT USE ONLY CIVIL JUDICIAL OFFICE 19 07 OCT -2 PM 4:32 CIVIL JUDICIAL OFFICE 19 3129 INDIA ST. CA
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego STREET ADDRESS: 330 W. Broadway MAILING ADDRESS: SAME CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Diego, CA 92101 BRANCH NAME: Central Division		
CASE NAME: Kinder v. Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.		
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)	Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) Other PIPD/W (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PIPD/W (23) Non-PIPD/W (Other) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PIPD/W tort (35) Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision |
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): 4

5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 10-02-07

Chad Austin, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO	
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CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Diego, CA 92101	
BRANCH NAME: Central	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (619) 685-6028	
PLAINTIFF(S) / PETITIONER(S): James M Kinder	
DEFENDANT(S) / RESPONDENT(S): Harrah's Entertainment Inc	
KINDER VS. HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT INC	
NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT	CASE NUMBER: 37-2007-00076114-CU-MC-CTL

Judge: William R. Nevitt, Jr.

Department: C-64

COMPLAINT/PETITION FILED: 10/02/2007

CASES ASSIGNED TO THE PROBATE DIVISION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW

IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH PLAINTIFF (AND CROSS-COMPLAINANT) TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE WITH THE COMPLAINT (AND CROSS-COMPLAINT).

ALL COUNSEL WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS DIVISION II, AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

TIME STANDARDS: The following timeframes apply to general civil cases and must be adhered to unless you have requested and been granted an extension of time. General civil consists of all cases except: Small claims appeals, petitions, and unlawful detainers.

COMPLAINTS: Complaints must be served on all named defendants, and a CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (SDSC CIV-345) filed within 60 days of filing. This is a mandatory document and may not be substituted by the filing of any other document.

DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE: Defendant must generally appear within 30 days of service of the complaint. (Plaintiff may stipulate to no more than a 15 day extension which must be in writing and filed with the Court.)

DEFAULT: If the defendant has not generally appeared and no extension has been granted, the plaintiff must request default within 45 days of the filing of the Certificate of Service.

THE COURT ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONSIDER UTILIZING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO LITIGATION, INCLUDING MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION, PRIOR TO THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. MEDIATION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS ACT AND OTHER PROVIDERS. SEE ADR INFORMATION PACKET AND STIPULATION.

YOU MAY ALSO BE ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CCP 1141.10 AT THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. THE FEE FOR THESE SERVICES WILL BE PAID BY THE COURT IF ALL PARTIES HAVE APPEARED IN THE CASE AND THE COURT ORDERS THE CASE TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CCP 1141.10. THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE CANCELLED IF YOU FILE FORM SDSC CIV-359 PRIOR TO THAT HEARING